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NOTE FOR: NIO/NESA

FROM: C/NIC *HR/m*

I have received a call from [redacted]  
You remember the intense [redacted] who had a lot to  
say about the Soviet strategy and relationships with  
Syria. He says that it is his belief that Assad's  
visit to Moscow, coming on the heels of Begin's  
visit to Washington, probably signifies more than  
the transfer of arms to Syria and other traditional  
relationships. He suggests that it might result  
in Soviet combat deployments to Syria.

You have met the gentleman and have some  
feeling for his quality. I have known him quite  
a while and have found him prone to exaggeration,  
but good on the pattern of developments.

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